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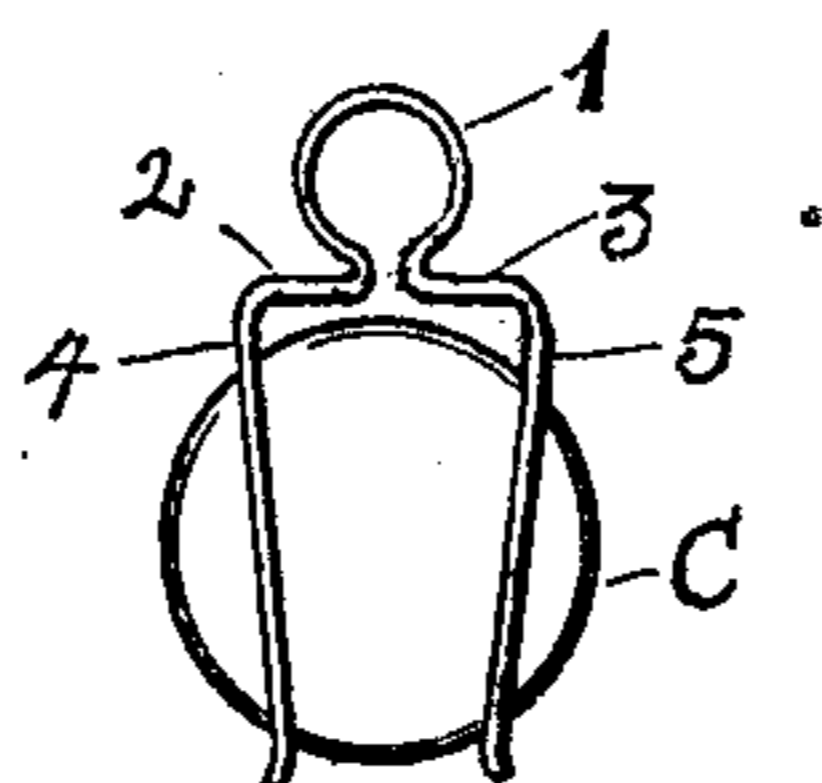


Fig. 1.

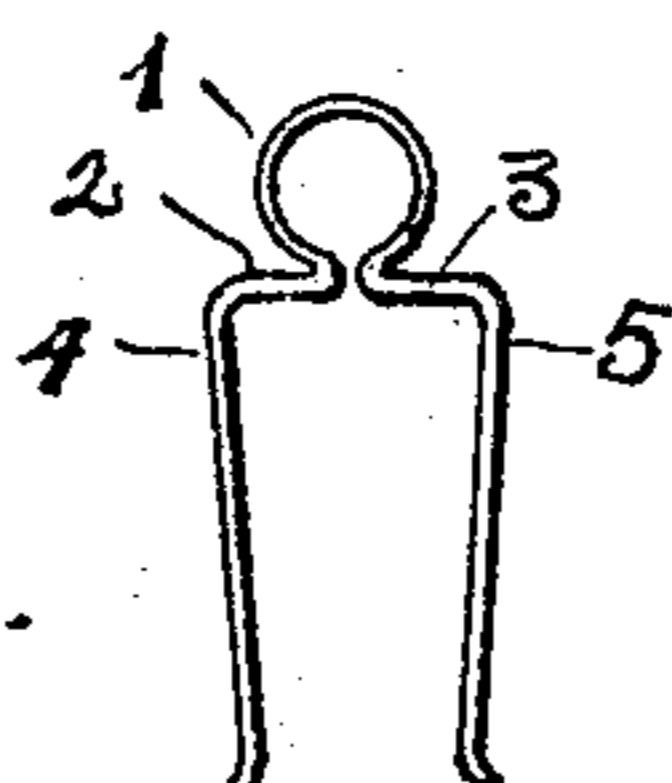


Fig. 2.

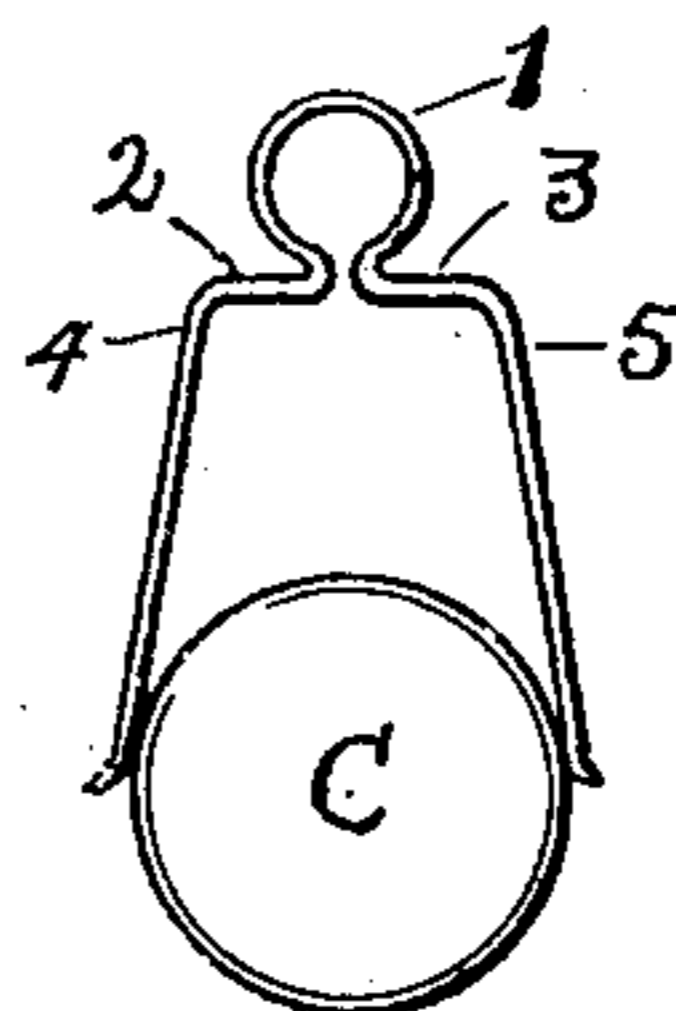


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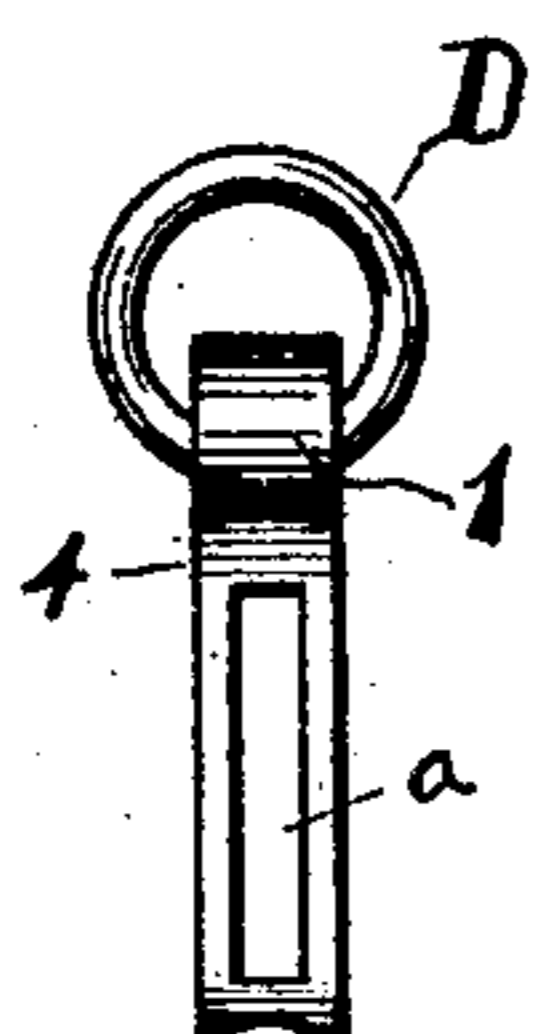


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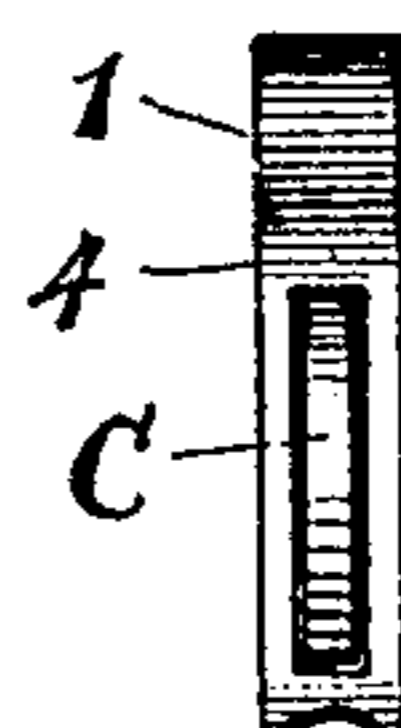
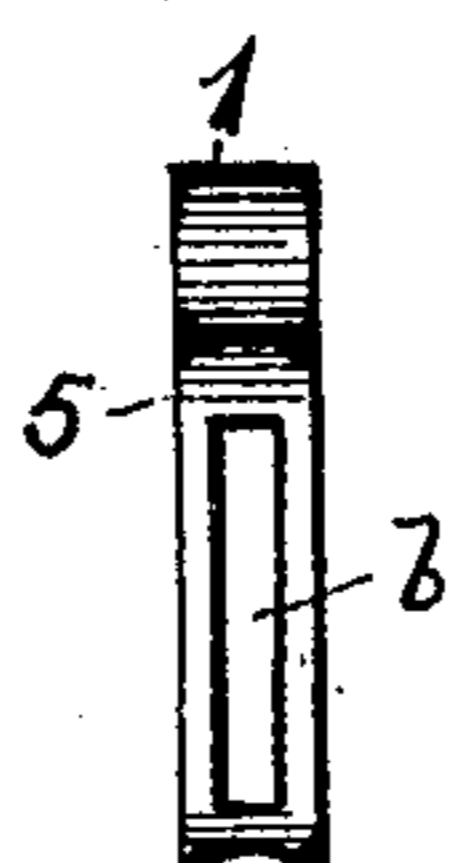


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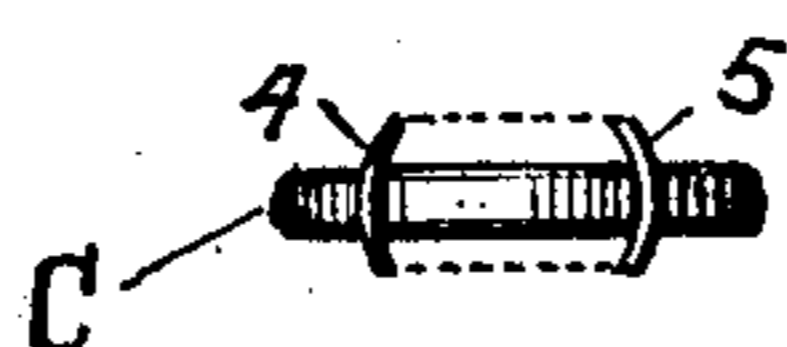


Fig. 7.

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## COIN-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ARTHUR T. BALLENGER, a citizen of the United States, residing in Wayne county, in the State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Coin-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and accurate exposition and specification, being such as will enable others to make and use the same with absolute exactitude.

This invention relates, more particularly, to a device for holding a single coin, such for instance as that required for street-car fare, and the device is especially adapted to be used by a lady, it being intended that the device be attached to a lady's belt, purse, or shopping-bag, or in such other place that a coin placed therein will be in plain sight of other persons.

The object of my invention, broadly stated, is to provide a coin-holder which will be strong and durable in construction, neat and attractive in appearance, and which can be manufactured and sold at a comparative low price.

More particularly, my object is to provide a coin-holder in which a coin may be easily and quickly inserted and easily and quickly removed therefrom, but at same time preventing inadvertent removal of the coin therefrom.

Other objects and particular advantages of my invention will suggest themselves in the course of the following description.

The preferred manner for carrying out the objects of my invention in a practical and satisfactory manner is shown most clearly in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my invention, same being indicated with a coin located therein and retained thereby. Fig. 2 shows a side elevation of my invention complete without a coin associated therewith. Fig. 3 shows a side elevation of my invention, showing a coin partly inserted therein. Fig. 4 shows one edge of my invention, also showing a suspending-ring connected therewith. Fig. 5 shows the other edge of my invention, opposite to that shown in Fig. 4. Fig. 6 shows an edge view of the device with a coin contained therein. And Fig. 7 shows a lower end view of the device.

Similar indices denote like parts throughout the several views.

In order that my invention and its operation may be the more fully understood I will now take up a detail description thereof in which I will set forth the construction and operation thereof as briefly and as comprehensively as I may.

I prefer to form my device of a single length of spring sheet-metal, its central portion forming the round loop 1, from the termini of which branch the two horizontal shoulders 2 and 3; and extending downwardly, substantially parallel with each other, or normally projecting slightly inward, are the two arms 4 and 5. The lower ends of said arms are hollowed out segmentally whereby the end of each arm is provided with short prongs, substantially as indicated in Figs. 4, 5 and 6; and the lower ends of said arms are also bent horizontally in the segment of a circle, as shown in Fig. 7; and, also, the extreme lower ends of said arms, or more properly said prongs, are bent slightly outward, apart, as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3; all of which is for the purpose of forming guides for the edges of a coin, when in the position shown in Fig. 3. Slots *a* and *b* are formed in the respective arms 4 and 5, which slots extend longitudinally of and slightly less than from end to end of the arms, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5.

The letter C denotes a coin, shown in Figs. 1, 3, 6 and 7.

In order to facilitate suspending the device there may be a ring D or the like secured in the loop 1, as shown in Fig. 4.

The operation of my invention is quite simple, for instance,—the device may hang pendent, as in Fig. 2, suspended from a ring as in Fig. 4. A coin C may then be entered edgewise between the lower end of the arms 4 and 5, as in Fig. 3, which arms are adapted to spring apart, as shown, the edges of the coin being guided by the compound channels formed in the lower ends of the arms 4 and 5, into the slots *a* and *b*, on entering which the arms 4 and 5 will spring back toward each other, which will suspend the coin C as in Fig. 1. It, of course, is understood that the slots *a* and *b* are of less length than is the diameter of the coin to be employed, and also that the width of said slots is slightly greater than is the thickness of the coin employed. Desiring to remove the coin C from the holder, one has only to

grasp the coin between one's thumb and finger, and then pull downward, allowing the arms 4 and 5 to spread apart.

I desire that it be understood that various changes may be made in the details of construction herein shown and described without departing from the spirit of my invention or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof, it being understood that the principles herein involved is the basis of my invention.

Having now fully shown and described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

15 1. A coin holder comprising a single piece of material comprising a pair of arms located substantially parallel with each other and having a slot formed longitudinally of each arm, and means for guiding the edge  
20 of a coin into said slots and between said arms, all substantially as shown and described.

2. A coin holder formed of one piece of material, comprising a pair of spring arms  
25 spaced apart and having oppositely disposed slots therethrough which slots are formed longitudinally of the arms, and means for guiding a coin between the free ends of the arms whereby it will enter said slots.

30 3. A coin holder consisting of a single length of spring metal formed into two depending oppositely disposed arms, each arm having a slot formed longitudinally thereof, which slots are identical with each other, the

length of said slots being less than the diameter of the coin to be used therewith and of such width as to receive the coin therein.

4. A coin holder consisting of a single length of material, comprising a central or body portion, a pair of spring arms extending from said central portion and in same general direction with relation to each other, each of said arms having a slot formed longitudinally therethrough which slots are of less length than is the diameter of the coin to be employed, said arms being adapted to spring apart to allow a coin to enter therebetween and to spring toward each other when the edges of the coin have entered said slots, all substantially as set forth.

5. A coin holder comprising a single strip of sheet spring metal, its central portion forming a loop, oppositely disposed shoulders extending out from the loop, arms extending down from the termini of the shoulders, oppositely disposed guides formed by the free ends of the arms, in combination with a coin adapted to be entered between said arms and directed into slots formed in said arms, said slots being of less length than is the diameter of the coin.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed by name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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